

## **New York Public Library Round Robin Report - June 2005**

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#### Acquisitions

- Stephen Corrsin was appointed as Chief of the Acquisitions Division.
- The Electronic Resources Committee's charge and membership was updated. The group has become much more active in identifying resources that are of interest throughout the Research Libraries. This is a shift away from an approach that licensed resources to match the particular research library's collection scope. .

#### Cataloging

- NYPL's Connexion Migration Team managed our migration to Connexion. NYLINK, our service OCLC provider, offered training for Research and Branch Libraries staff. We migrated immediately following training in late March.
- By early July, we will complete phase 1 of a project with Backstage to enhance non-English brief records in our OPAC with subject headings. We anticipate that about 65% of the 80,000 records will be enhanced. Phase 2 will involve analyzing the remaining 35% to determine which languages are left. During Phase 3, we expect local staff to add subject headings over the next several years.

#### Preservation

- Shelly Smith was hired as Head of Conservation Treatment as of June 6<sup>th</sup> and we are recruiting for a Field Services Librarian.
- NYPL is the recipient of an NEH preservation and access program award to microfilm business and economic monographs. We are concluding a project to film monographs, pamphlets and serial volumes for and about the textile industry.
- NYPL is the recipient of an NEH National Digital Newspaper Project award to digitize preservation microfilm for New York State newspapers.

#### Archival Processing

- We created an EAD Specialist position to coordinate and establish local practice for creation of EAD encoded finding aids across the Research Libraries. Lynn Lobash, an archivist working on a grant-funded archival processing project was appointed to the position. She will create stylesheets and other tools, train staff, and maintain an intranet site for archival processing staff.

#### Digital Library and Technology

- In Motion: The African American Migration Project and the Digital Image Gallery, 2 locally produced digital resources, debuted in February and March, respectively.
- NYPL's investigation of the feasibility of a single integrated library system for both the Branch and Research Libraries will conclude in July with a report. Currently, the 84 Branch Libraries use a Dynix system and the 4 Research Libraries use Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

- The Branch and Research Libraries selected WebFeat's federated searching product. Implementation will begin this summer with a focus on searching electronic databases. We are also implementing Serials Solutions Article Linker product.
- We purchased III's Electronic Resources Management product and will begin implementation this summer. We will share use of the product with the Branch Libraries with whom we license several databases.
- NYPL has selected 10,000-11,000 volumes from the Humanities and Social Sciences collections to be included in our Google pilot. Scanning is expected to begin in July.
- Technical Services and the Digital Library Program are reviewing the relationship of our opac to our digital repository and likewise the relationship of "traditional cataloging" to the metadata creation. These have been fueled by our Google pilot project, other digital projects, and an anticipated reorganization of our digital library program.

#### Budget

- A reduction in the draw on the endowment that is a major source of funding for the Research Libraries required permanent budget reductions going into FY06. The Technical Services budget was cut by \$155,000. The library is planning for a major fundraising campaign that will culminate with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flagship building.
- The collection budget is expected to increase, due in part to the well-publicized sale of artwork owned by NYPL